Order of Service

**Procession of Buds of Promise**

**Call to Worship**

“Do not be shaped by this world. Instead, be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect.” Romans 12:2

**Invocation**

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for waking me up this morning, and I thank you for letting me see a new day. Lord, I pray that I will not get caught up in this world, but I will keep my focus on You. I pray You will touch my mind, my body and my soul. Let me change for the better, to be a better friend, a better student, and a better follower of Your word. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

**Choral Response Buds of Promise**

**Buds Hymn “Blooming All For Jesus” Hymn #676**

**The Litany - Ephesians 4:23-27**

**Leader:** But you were taught to be made new in your hearts.

**People:**  You were taught to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God – made to be truly good and holy.

**Leader:** So you must stop telling lies. Tell each other the truth because we all belong to each other in the same body.

**People:** When you are angry, do not sin. And do not go on being angry all day.

**All:** Do not give the devil a way to defeat you.

**Gloria Patri**

**Apostles Creed -** Buds

**Scripture** - Ephesians 4:28-32

**Prayer for Transformative Service - Bud**

**Choral Response**

**Selection - Buds of Promise**

**Remembering Marie L. Clinton – Bud of Promise**

**Buds Information - Motto/Colors/Slogan/Pledge – Buds Of Promise**

**Song of Preparation – Buds Of Promise**

**Buds Message –**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Offering**

**Remarks**

**Missionary Benediction**

God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen

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*Send all donations for the Marie L. Clinton Day Observance to your*

*District President for remittance to the Executive Director.*

**Mrs. Marie Louise Clay Clinton (1871–1934)**

Mrs. Marie Louise Clay Clinton was the organizer and first Superintendent of the Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society. She was born in Huntsville, Alabama in1871. Mrs. Clinton was the wife of Bishop George Wylie Clinton. She loved children and, having none of her own, she dedicated her life to children’s work. She understood the importance of Christian training for very young children. Mrs. Clinton worked diligently to see that children be included as part of the General Missionary Society. In 1904, her request to include the children as an organized department of the Missionary Society was taken to the General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. It was then that the department was adopted and, through her efforts, became permanently known as the “Buds of Promise” department in 1908. Mrs. Clinton served as the General Superintendent for 28 years until 1932 and remained an enthusiastic worker until her death in1934.In 1951, the Missionary Convention in Wilmington, North Carolina voted that a day be set aside in order to honor the founder of The Buds of Promise Department. Because of Mrs. Marie L. Clay Clinton’s love and devotion to children and work of missions, the fourth Sunday of January is recognized as “Marie L. Clinton Day”.

**Globally Committed to Transformative Service**

**“Everything must change”**

The world we live in, butterflies, technology, prices, feelings, people, seasons, and fashion are some of the things that we can be sure will always change.

The world just remembered September 11, 2001, a day we will never forget. The day that travel changed forever. We are going through a pandemic. Who ever thought school and church would be shut down and we would have to wear mask everywhere we went. Telephones not only allow us to talk to people, but they are computers, and fax machines. Prices go up and down all the time, and people try and catch sells whenever they can. Sometimes we are happy and sometimes we are sad, sometimes we are glad or mad, we are up we are down, it all depends on how we feel. There are four seasons, summer, winter, spring, and fall. These days the seasons seem to get mixed up. It is a part of nature that a baby grows into a toddler, we outgrow clothes because our bodies change. Butterflies start out in a cocoon then emerge into beautiful butterflies. Dresses are long then short; pants are wide leg then straight. Flowers start out as seeds and then bloom into beautiful flowers. Things around us are constantly changing, but the one thing that never changes is God.

Transformative change is what God is looking for. He wants us to change to become better to serve Him. When a transformation takes place, it should be a good change, one that people see and say that is a good thing. Only God can change our hearts. We cannot change by ourselves, it takes the Holy Spirit to change the way we think and act.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come.” When Christ is in you, the things you use to do, you do not do anymore. Ezekiel 36:26 tells us “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Each day you live, you change, you become more and more like what God wants you to be. He has ordered your steps. He can and will make you into the person he wants you to be. Remember change can be good, nothing stays the same.

A transformative change is an important and a lasting change in a person.

Buds become the change agent in your school, your neighborhood, your home. Let the world see Christ in you. Let your light shine and continue to bloom for Jesus.

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Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society

“The Great Commission: #MissionsMatter”

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Sunday, January 24, 2022

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